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**Ribbonfishes commonly encountered in the
Hawaii based pelagic longline fishery.**

(Including some fishes of similar appearance)

List of species

- Crestfish
- Scalloped Ribbonfish
- Oarfish
- Tapertail Ribbonfish
- Razorback scabbardfish
- Unicornfish

Crestfish







Tapertail Ribbonfish

Dorsal is fin low



Mouth is retracted.



Photo by Eric Woroch, observer



Scalloped Ribbonfish (adult)

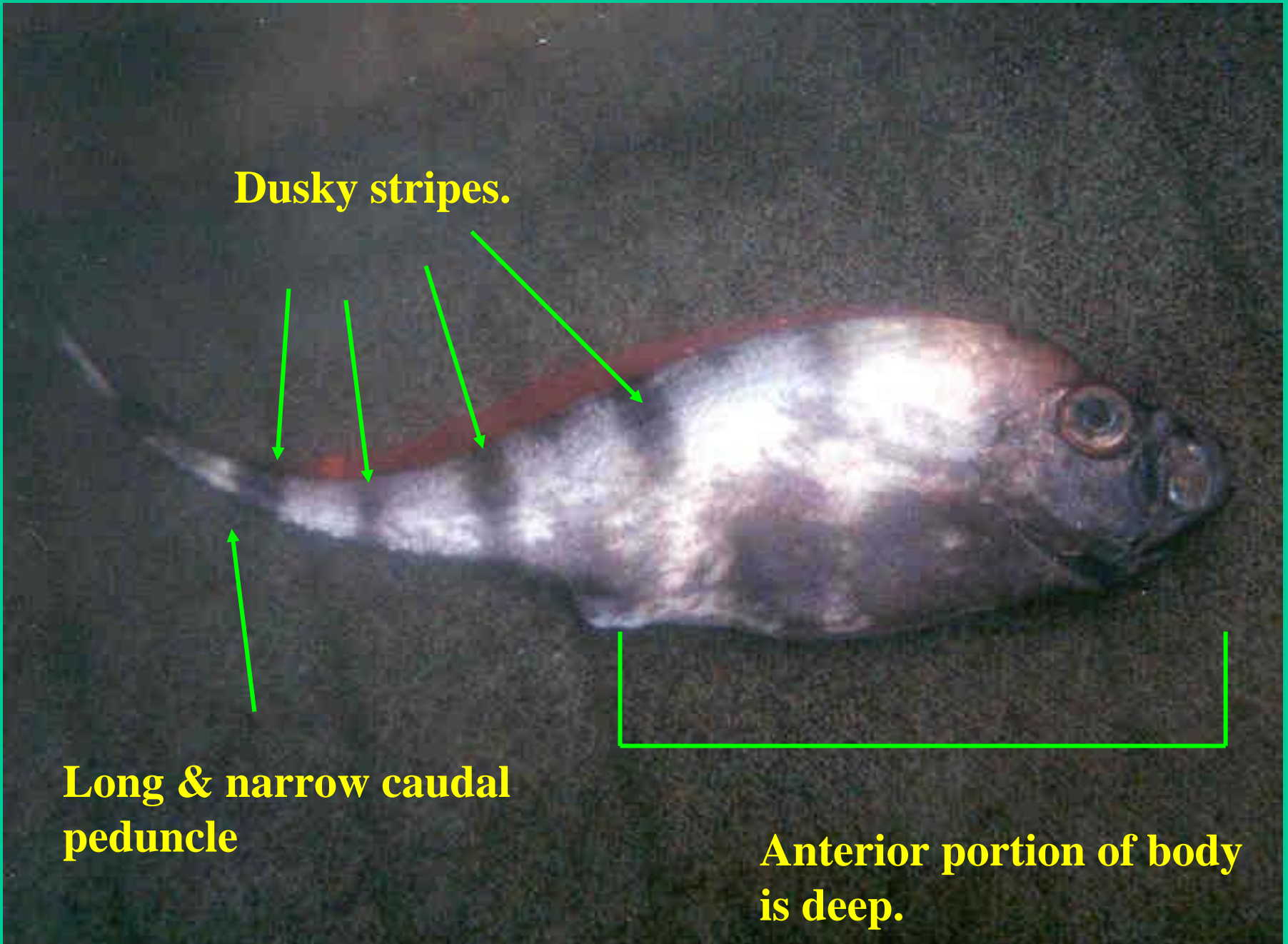


The dorsal fin of juveniles may have a “crest” of longer anterior fine rays.

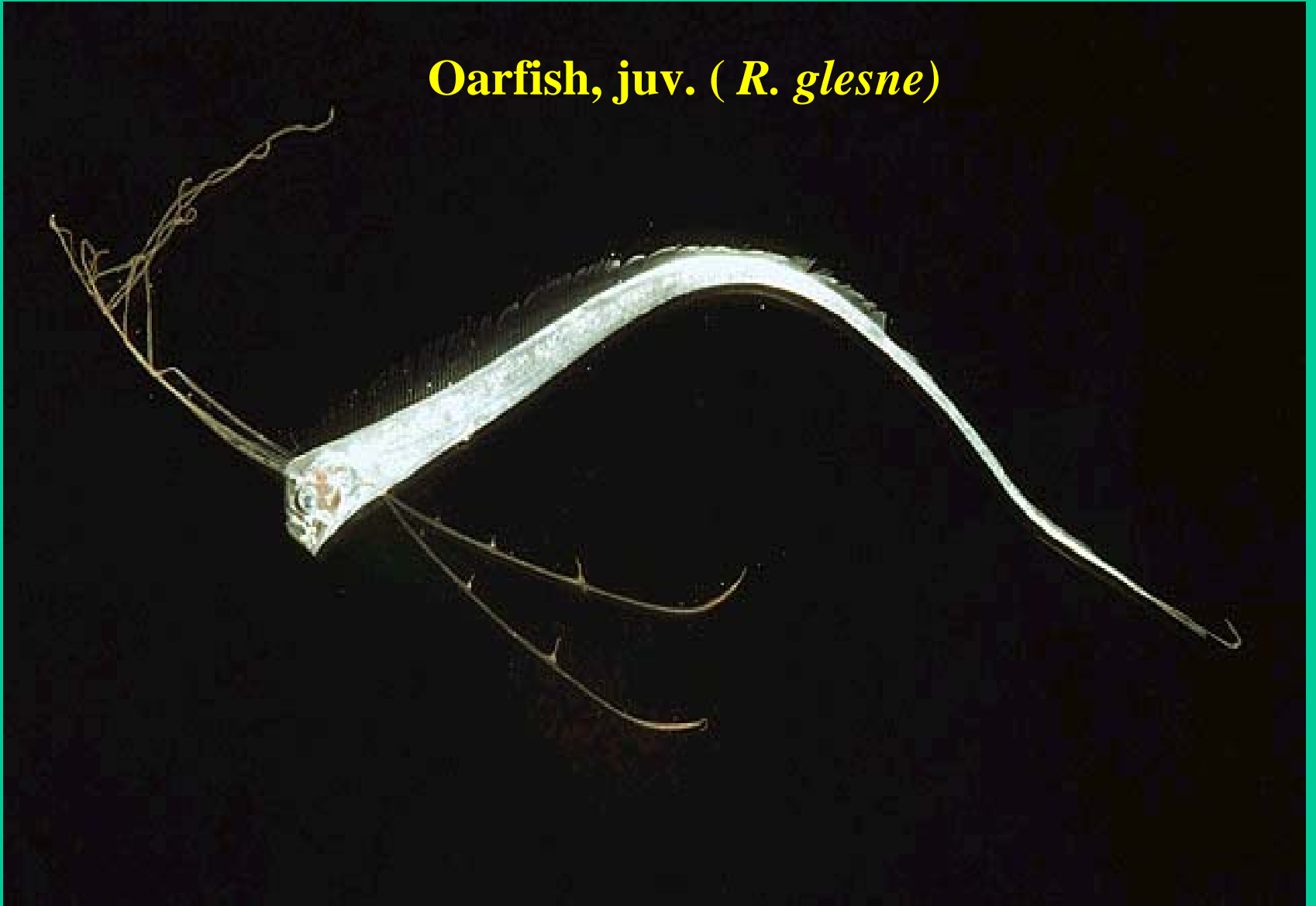
Dusky stripes.

**Long & narrow caudal
peduncle**

**Anterior portion of body
is deep.**

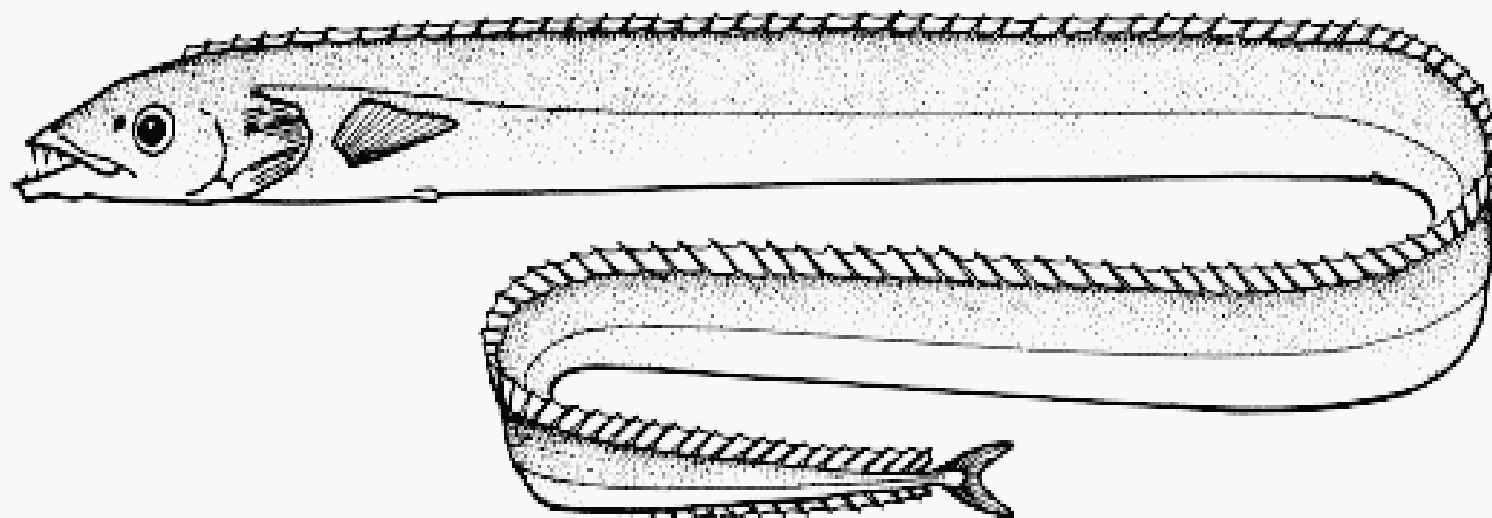


Oarfish, juv. (*R. glesne*)



Oarfish have very long and thin pelvic fins.

Razorback Scabbardfish







Short & clear dorsal fin.

**The mandible extends past maxilla
in this genus.**

The caudal fin is small and forked.

Tail of Razorback Scabbardfish



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Notice that the tail is clear & forked.



Unicornfish (*Eumecicthys fiski*)



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